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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Wayne Munson, 28, La Crosse, Wisconsin, was sentenced today by Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to ten years in prison, the maximum allowed under federal law, for burglarizing Wiebke Fur in La Crosse on March 28, 2006, and stealing 18 firearms.

Munson's sentence will be served without the possibility of parole and it will be followed by a three-year term of supervised release. Munson was also ordered to pay \$11, 858.70 in restitution. Munson pleaded guilty to this offense on April 12, 2007.

After burglarizing Wiebke Fur, Munson and his co-defendant, Curtis Green, sold some of the stolen guns to gang members in Milwaukee. Three of the firearms were recovered in Milwaukee and one had been used in a shooting that resulted in injury to another person. Curtis Green was sentenced on June 6, 2006, to ten years in prison.

The charge against Munson was the result of an investigation conducted by the La Crosse Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

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